

Amendment on Local Building Codes

On page 64, line 25, after DEPARTMENT, insert:

AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HAS DETERMINED THAT THE MORE STRINGENT STANDARDS ARE CONSISTENT WITH INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS DEVELOPED BY THE COMMISSION TO ACCOMMODATE THE ADDITIONAL LOAD OF BUILDING DECOMMISSIONING

In context:

(E) (1) A COUNTY MAY DEVELOP AND ADOPT LOCAL BUILDING ENERGY PERFORMANCE STANDARDS THAT ARE AT LEAST AS STRINGENT AS THE STANDARDS DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT, IF THE COUNTY'S STANDARDS ARE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HAS DETERMINED THAT THE MORE STRINGENT STANDARDS ARE CONSISTENT WITH INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS DEVELOPED BY THE COMMISSION TO ACCOMMODATE THE ADDITIONAL LOAD OF BUILDING DECOMMISSIONING.

Amendment to add Task Force Members

Adds Representative from Statewide Building Owner's Associations to the Task Force studying Financial Incentives for Building Owners.

On page 68, after line 30, insert:

“(XII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A STATEWIDE MULTIFAMILY BUILDING ASSOCIATION;

(XIII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A STATEWIDE COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL BUILDING ASSOCIATION;”

Amendment on Consideration for Task Force Incentives

On page 69, after line 15, insert:

“(III) CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MARYLAND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION THAT FINANCIAL INCENTIVES BE SCALED TO ASSURE THAT THE COST OF ENERGY PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENTS WOULD BE RECOUPED IN NOT MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS”

In context:

(F) (1) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:

(I) STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMPLEMENTARY PROGRAMS, POLICIES, AND INCENTIVES AIMED AT REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM THE BUILDING SECTOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE; ~~AND~~

(II) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON TARGETING INCENTIVES TO ELECTRIFICATION PROJECTS THAT WOULD NOT OTHERWISE RESULT IN STRONG RETURNS ON INVESTMENT FOR BUILDING OWNERS; AND

(III) CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MARYLAND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION THAT FINANCIAL INCENTIVES BE SCALED TO ASSURE THAT THE COST OF ENERGY PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENTS WOULD BE RECOUPED IN NOT MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS; AND

(IV) DEVELOP A PLAN FOR FUNDING THE RETROFIT OF COVERED BUILDINGS TO COMPLY WITH BUILDING EMISSIONS STANDARDS.

Amendment on Social Cost of Carbon

On page 64, line 17, strike “IS LESS THAN THE SOCIAL COST OF GREENHOUSES GASES ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.”

And insert “FIFTY-ONE DOLLARS PER METRIC TON OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMITTED.”

In context:

(3) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT SET AN ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE FEE THAT ~~IS LESS THAN THE SOCIAL COST OF GREENHOUSE GASES ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.~~ FIFTY-ONE DOLLARS PER METRIC TON OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMITTED .

Amendment on MDE Regulations

On page 66, after line 15; insert:

(V) ASSURE THAT BUILDING RETROFITS REQUIRED BY THE REGULATIONS ARE TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE, COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE, AND COST-EFFECTIVE FOR OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS AFTER CONSIDERING FINANCIAL INCENTIVES;